

B. B. Woodward for J. B. Tomlin : Specimens of *Vertigo Lilljeborgii*, Westl., from Ballynahinch, Galway; *V. Moulinsiana*, Dup., from Wicken Fen; *V. Helli*, Cless., from Co. Antrim; *Pseudamnicola anatina* (Drap.), from Oulton Broad; and *Succinea oblonga*, var. *agonostoma*, Kstr., from Lower Loch Erne.

The Rev. R. Ashington Bullen, A. S. Kennard, and B. B. Woodward : Specimens in illustration of their papers.

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ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1903.

E. A. SMITH, F.Z.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read :—

1. "Additions to the genus *Streptaxis*." By G. K. Gude, F.Z.S.
2. "On a new species of the genus *Xylophaga* from the English Coast." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S.
3. "Notes on some new or little-known members of the family Doridiidae." By Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G.
4. "On a new species of *Cerastus* from near Aden, with a note on *Otopoma clausum*, Sby." By E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.L.S.
5. "Descriptions of two supposed new species of *Cyathopoma*." By H. B. Preston, F.Z.S.
6. "On shells floating on the surface of the sea." By August Krogh, M.Sc. (Communicated by A. C. Johansen, M.Sc.)

Exhibits were placed on the table by the following :—

E. A. Smith : An abnormal specimen of *Argonauta*, and specimens of *Vitrina Baringoensis*, Smith.

A. S. Kennard : Recent and fossil specimens of *Eulota fruticum* (Müll.), from England and Central Europe.

E. R. Sykes : *Cassidaria tyrrhena*, Chemn., from off the Scilly Isles, and *Tritonofusus fusiformis* (Brod.), from the west coast of Ireland.

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NOTES.

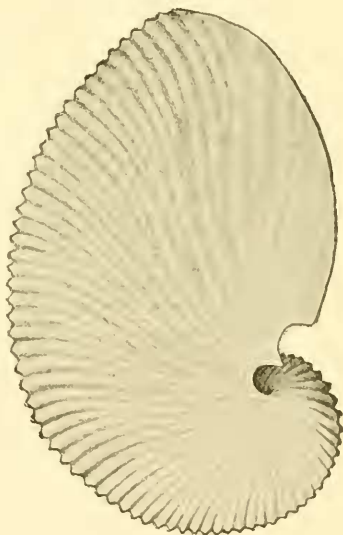
NOTE ON THE GENERIC NAME *BULIMINUS*. (Read 13th March, 1903.)—In 1831, Ehrenberg (*Symbolæ Phys.*) proposed the name *Bulimina* for a genus of land-shells having for type the *Bulimus labrosus* of Olivier. Beck, in 1837, appears to have converted this into *Buliminus*, and in this form it has been employed ever since. The name, however, cannot stand, it having been already given by D'Orbigny in 1826 to a genus of Foraminifera (*Ann. Sci. nat.*, tom. vii, p. 269).

The next oldest name for species of this group is that of *Ena*, proposed by Leach in the proof-sheets of his *Synopsis Moll. Gt. Brit.* (p. 80) that

were circulated in 1820, and cited by Turton in synonymy in 1831, from which last year the generic name will therefore date, the type species being the *Bulimus montanus* of Drap. The generic name in this case carries with it the family name, and I propose, therefore, to substitute Enidae for Buliminidae. These alterations are proposed, I am glad to say, with the full concurrence of Dr. Pilsbry.

B. B. WOODWARD.

NOTE ON AN ABNORMAL SPECIMEN OF *ARGONAUTA ARGO*. (Read 3rd April, 1903.)—A very interesting specimen of this shell has recently been presented to the British Museum by Mr. W. T. Manger. It is remarkable on account of an abnormality in the thickened columella on the left side. The peculiarity consists in the formation at this part of the shell of a double situation, instead of a single curve as usual.



It is somewhat hazardous to suggest the exact cause of this irregularity, but we may, I think, safely conclude, that it must be the result of some deformity in the palmate arm of the animal, which, in life, clasped that side of the shell.

E. A. SMITH.

NOTE ON *VITRINA BARINGOENSIS*, Smith. (Read 3rd April, 1903.)—This species was described in the first volume of these "Proceedings" from specimens collected by Dr. J. W. Gregory at Baringo, and in the lower forest zone of Kenia. Other specimens recently sent to the British Museum were obtained by Sir Charles Eliot in bamboo forests in the Kenia province at an elevation of 8,000 to 10,000 feet. He sends the following interesting observation respecting them:—"Their appearance is decidedly cryptic, and when crawling on the stems of the bamboos on which they live, they are hardly distinguishable among the scraps of moss, lichen, and old scars."

E. A. SMITH.